HOUSE No. 768

By Mr. O'Flaherty of Chelsea, petition of Eugene L. O'Flaherty for legislation to clarify the procedure for payment of costs for copies of transcripts of grand jury and other court proceedings. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT CLARIFYING THE PROCEDURE FOR PAYMENT OF COSTS FOR COPIES OF TRANSCRIPTS OF GRAND JURY AND OTHER COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 86 of Chapter 221 of the General Laws,
- 2 as appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended in
- 3 line 9 by inserting after the word "to" the following words:—
- 4 "and paid for by".
- 1 SECTION 2. Section 88 of Chapter 221 of the General Laws,
- 2 as appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
- 3 striking the last sentence thereof and inserting in place thereof the
- 4 following two sentences:— "If a transcript is ordered by the pre-
- 5 siding justice, payment for the transcript at the same rate shall be
- 6 made by the court upon a voucher approved by the justice. If a
- 7 transcript is ordered by the district attorney or attorney general,
- 8 payment for the transcript at the same rate shall be made by the
- 9 district attorney or attorney general".